

AUGOCHLORINI Beebe, 1925 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): corrected authorship and date (not Moure, 1943)
(Case 3054; see BZN 56: 19–22)

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My application to the Commission, to rule that the family-group name AUGOCHLORINI and other family-group names based on *Augochlora* Smith, 1853 be given precedence over OXYSTOGLOSSINI Schrottky, 1909 and other names based on *Oxytroglossa* Smith, 1853 whenever they are considered to be synonyms, attributed the name AUGOCHLORINI to Moure, 1943. This attribution has been widely used by bee systematists.

However, I now find that Beebe (1925, p. 102) used the name AUGOCHLORIDAE for a group of New World 'bees of the genus *Halictus* and the genus *Augochlora*'. The family-group name should therefore be attributed to Beebe (1925) and not to Moure (1943).

This change of authorship and date does not otherwise affect the application.

Additional reference

Beebe, W. 1925. Studies of a tropical jungle; one quarter of a square mile of jungle at Kartabo, British Guiana. *Zoologica*, 6: 5–193.

Comments on the proposed conservation of the specific name of *Solenopsis invicta* Buren, 1972 (Insecta, Hymenoptera)
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I wish to add my strong support to the request to suppress the name *Solenopsis wagneri* Santschi, 1916 for the fire ant and to add the name *Solenopsis invicta* to the Official List of Specific Names. The literature now contains well over 2000 papers using the name *S. invicta*. To change the name to *S. wagneri* at this point might satisfy the need for priority, but would create unnecessary confusion within the large community of non-taxonomists currently doing research on *S. invicta*. I and many others have spent almost 30 years publishing papers on *S. invicta*, not *S. wagneri*. In addition, *S. invicta* is a name full of wry humor, irony and sly comment. In contrast, *S. wagneri* is obscure, dry and dormant. It is best to let this sleeping name lie or, better yet, kill it.

I therefore fully concur with the case made by Shattuck, Porter & Wojcik for the suppression of *S. wagneri*, and add my voice very loudly to their request.